

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SO, US, ET, PDEV, MASS  
SUBJ: GSDR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF WSLF

1. THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE POINTS IN REFTEL IN A MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL MOHAMED SHARIF AND AFRICAN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR HUSSEIN HASSAN IN CONVERSATION ON APRIL 1. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE MATERIAL WITH AMBASSADOR ADDOU ON APRIL 2. THE MINISTRY OFFICIALS SEEMED TO APPRECIATE THE VALIDITY OF THE POINTS, BUT FELL BACK UPON THE EXPLANATION THAT THE GSDR CANNOT APPEAR TO DISAVOW THE LINKS WITH ITS BELEAGUERED BRETHREN. THEY ASSERTED THAT THE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT WAS CAREFULLY DRAFTED, AND CONTAINED THE MINIMUM FORMULA THE GSDR COULD EMPLOY IN DISCUSSING ITS TIES WITH THE PEOPLES OF "WESTERN SOMALIA".

2. COMMENT: THERE WILL BE NO EASY ANSWER TO DEALING WITH THE SOMALIS AND THEIR LINKS TO THE PEOPLE OF "WESTERN SOMALIA". IN MY VIEW THE GSDR WILL BOTH INSIST IT OWES SUPPORT TO THESE PEOPLE, AND ALSO THAT IT CANNOT CONTROL THEIR ACTIONS. THERE IS SOME TRUTH IN THIS. IT WILL BE  
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NECESSARY FOR THE USG TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE GSDR THAT SUPPORT FOR IT'S INTERNAL STABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IS NOT SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION FRONTS. INEVITABLY THE GSDR WILL PERCEIVE IT OTHERWISE, AND WE SHALL HAVE TO BE CONSTANTLY AND CAREFULLY ON GUARD TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT DRAGGED IN AS TACIT OR COVERT SUPPORTERS TO SOMALI IRREDENTISM. IT WILL BE A TICKLISH

PROBLEM, BUT NOT AN INSURMOUNTABLE ONE.  
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